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In the Continuing Prosecution of ;
Hayek and Reinhart : Confirmation No. 3312
Serial No. 09/845,941 : Group Art Unit 1617
Filed April 30, 2001 : Examiner: Mojdeh Bahar
For PET FOOD COMPOSITION FOR REDUCING INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE IN
CATS

SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 27, 2002 for the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith. Attached hereto is a Petition for Extension of Time, and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), providing for a timely response up to and including May 27, 2003.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. A pet food composition comprising an effective inflammatory response-reducing amount, on a dry matter basis, of omega-6 and omega-3 fatty acids in a weight ratio of about 5:1, wherein the majority of omega-3 fatty acids comprises alpha-linolenic acid derived from flaxseed oil, said